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12 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with J. BRAZAITIS - 6 August 1955

1. On 6 August 1955 at 1230 hours the undersigned met BRAZAITIS in New York in a downtown hotel for the purpose of checking his accountings for expenditures made during his trip to Europe and also to supplement operational information given by subject during his meeting with the undersigned on 18 July 1955.

2. The undersigned indicated to subject that the accountings for expenditures submitted by him were not detailed enough and asked him to supplement the accountings by giving dates of trips and submitting any available receipts and tickets. Subject promised to comply and to mail to the undersigned a new statement of expenditures.

3. Subject then discussed in more detail his trip to Europe and indicated that most of the people that he met and the leads that he submitted to [] may prove quite useful. He particularly emphasized the importance of his contacts in France. Subject further discussed the situation in VLIK and indicated that there were no changes since his last meeting with the undersigned. Subject believes that if present conditions prevail, there is no way he could cooperate with VLIK and become part of it. He further believes that the Nationalist Party, headed by RASTENIS, will ultimately leave VLIK entirely. Subject again repeated that he would favor the establishment of an independent radio unit along the lines discussed at the last meeting. However, he envisaged technical difficulties in obtaining approval of leading personalities on an acceptable plan for the establishment of the unit.

4. Subject then asked the undersigned an embarrassing question with regard to the meeting of [] with S. LOZORAITIS. According to subject he received information from a friend in Rome that such a meeting between [] and LOZORAITIS took place. The undersigned sidestepped this question by telling subject that he has no knowledge of such a meeting but that it is quite possible that the person involved, during his extensive travels in Europe, met accidentally with LOZORAITIS.

Comment: The undersigned wishes to state at this time that subject seems on many occasions to be too inquisitive as to our activities and the undersigned will make it clear to subject at the next meeting that our relations with him are on a "need to know" basis.

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5. Subject further discussed the matter of VLIK's monitoring service. Subject complained that RASTENIS, who is a member of the Committee for Free Europe as well as an editor of a party paper, is using the copy of the monitoring report which he gets from the Committee for Free Europe for the purpose of publishing some items in his newspaper which are not available to other papers, including the newspaper which is edited by subject, Darbininkas. Subject further stated that another person, VILKAITIS, in Chicago, Illinois, receives the same monitoring report and is also exploiting it for publishing exclusive news in Naujienos. The undersigned promised subject that he would look into the matter and see whether VLIK could arrange to have additional copies of their report made so that all Lithuanian newspapers in the U.S. could receive a copy.

6. The undersigned then asked subject to write to K. CIBIRAS in Montevideo and ask him to confirm whether he received an invitation from VLIK to accept a job in Madrid as chief editor of the radio section. According to our information, such an invitation was sent to CIBIRAS but the latter stalls his acceptance giving as an excuse that he is awaiting approval for such acceptance from LOZORAITIS. Subject promised to investigate immediately this matter.

7. The undersigned also discussed with subject spotting REDSOX and REDSKIN leads in the U.S. The undersigned indicated that if necessary subject will be advanced expenses for an operational trip, providing he has good leads and such expenses can be properly justified.

8. At the end of the meeting subject queried the undersigned with regard to DEKSNYS who allegedly was seen in Canada a year ago. He wanted to know whether we had any further information regarding this matter. He stated that he met a certain Jonas ZILINSKAS in New York some time ago who again repeated that DEKSNYS was seen in Canada. The undersigned stated that he had no further information on this matter but asked that subject follow up the rumors and that if he had some concrete evidence with regard to the appearance of DEKSNYS in Canada, his trip to verify this information might be warranted.

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